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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 14 March 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

**THOUGH THE ISSUE FEE HAS BEEN PAID, THE EXAMINER DEEMS THAT THIS AMENDMENT MUST BE ENTERED, IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THE PRINTER'S QUERY OF 3/01/06.**

  
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